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In re Application of: CHEN, et al.

Title: SUSTAINED RELEASE DOSAGE FORMS OF ANESTHETICS FOR PAIN

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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated 9 April 2008 in the above-referenced application. Accordingly, a petition for a three-month extension of time, and the fee therefor accompany this response. Reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.